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## FORMALITIES LETTER



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## NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS OF NONPROVISIONAL APPLICATION

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*Filing Date Granted***Items Required To Avoid Abandonment:**

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.  
*A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.*
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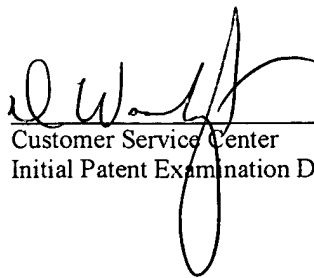
**SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:**

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is **\$130** for a Large Entity

- **\$130** Late oath or declaration Surcharge.

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DESCRIPTION	FY 2003	FY 2004
Basic filing fee - Utility	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$770</b>
Basic filing fee - Utility (Small Entity)	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$385</b>
Independent claims in excess of three	<b>\$84</b>	<b>\$86</b>
Independent claims in excess of three (Small Entity)	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$43</b>
Claims in excess of twenty	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$18*</b>
Claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$9*</b>
Multiple dependent claim	<b>\$280</b>	<b>\$290</b>
Multiple dependent claim (Small Entity)	<b>\$140</b>	<b>\$145</b>
Surcharge - Late filing fee	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$130</b>
Surcharge - Late filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$65</b>	<b>\$65</b>
Design filing fee	<b>\$330</b>	<b>\$340</b>
Design filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$165</b>	<b>\$170</b>
Plant filing fee	<b>\$520</b>	<b>\$530</b>
Plant filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$260</b>	<b>\$265</b>
Reissue filing fee	<b>\$750</b>	<b>\$770</b>
Reissue filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$375</b>	<b>\$385</b>
Reissue independent claims	<b>\$84</b>	<b>\$86</b>
Reissue independent claims (Small Entity)	<b>\$42</b>	<b>\$43</b>
Reissue claims in excess of twenty	<b>\$18</b>	<b>\$18*</b>
Reissue claims in excess of twenty (Small Entity)	<b>\$9</b>	<b>\$9*</b>
Provisional application filing fee	<b>\$160</b>	<b>\$160*</b>
Provisional application filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$80</b>	<b>\$80*</b>
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee	<b>\$50</b>	<b>\$50*</b>
Surcharge - Late provisional filing fee (Small Entity)	<b>\$25</b>	<b>\$25*</b>
Non-English Specification	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$130*</b>
Extension - First month	<b>\$110</b>	<b>\$110*</b>
Extension - First month (Small Entity)	<b>\$55</b>	<b>\$55*</b>
Extension - Second month	<b>\$410</b>	<b>\$420</b>
Extension - Second month (Small Entity)	<b>\$205</b>	<b>\$210</b>
Extension - Third month	<b>\$930</b>	<b>\$950</b>
Extension - Third month (Small Entity)	<b>\$465</b>	<b>\$475</b>
Extension - Fourth month	<b>\$1,450</b>	<b>\$1,480</b>
Extension - Fourth month (Small Entity)	<b>\$725</b>	<b>\$740</b>
Extension - Fifth month	<b>\$1,970</b>	<b>\$2,010</b>
Extension - Fifth month (Small Entity)	<b>\$985</b>	<b>\$1,005</b>
Petition	<b>\$130</b>	<b>\$130*</b>
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